

# SAN DIEGO DX CLUB BULLETIN



Jan 2005

The T33C team of 19 operators activated Banaba Island, a "most wanted" entity in the Pacific, only reachable by sea, logging approximately 75,000 QSOs from April 4 to April 15, 2004. The team operated all bands from 6 to 160 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK, and SSTV. This was the first operation from Banaba since 1999 and the largest ever DXpedition to Banaba.

Be at the next meeting to see all about this great DXpedition!!



Join us at

**The SIZZLER, Aero Drive & Murphy Canyon Rd**  
**January 26, 2005 - Dinner, 6:00 P.M. - Meeting, 7:00 P.M**



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## The Prez speaks!!!



And a Happy 2005 to everyone! A tremendous THANK YOU to Arnie and Carol, W7BIA and WA7BIA, for hosting a most entertaining DX Club Holiday Party at their home in December. Seems to me that each year these events get better and better!

I think it's safe to say that the DXpedition to Andaman Island, VU4, this past December will be one that many of us will remember for years to come. There were somewhat low expectations beforehand for how the operators would handle the pileups; I thought they did very well. It was a 'new one' for many of us (it will be #332 C-D for me when I have the QSL in hand) and yet many of us were sweating the propagation. Well, son-of-a-gun, the island was really closer to HS than to VU and the propagation to the West Coast was excellent. For once we had the advantage! And then, of course, the terrible Dec. 26 earthquake and tsunami hit, and history was made in many ways - including ham radio. The videos from this one will be 'greatest hits,' I'm sure. Hopefully Charly, K4VUD, will be able to make the rounds of DX conventions and club meetings like ours.

As you will see elsewhere in this newsletter, Terry, N6CW, our esteemed VP, has cleverly arranged to show us a program from the T33 operation—should be interesting.

News comes as I write this that the gang going to Peter I, including our own Bob Grimmick, N6OX, has been delayed a few weeks. So I guess we'll all be lying in wait for them in early February. Godspeed to Bob and the whole crew.

We've had an interesting e-mail thread about whether our club station, W6PT, should be dealing with e-QSLs, Logbook of the World, etc. Well, after only a couple of e-mails about the pluses and minuses, our newest member Bruce Thompson jumped into the fray and volunteered to 'take care of it.' Bud, N7CW, has supplied him with CQP logs for the past few years, and we'll also get the Field Day logs into the hopper. Apparently there are hundreds of cyber cards waiting to be answered. Thanks Bruce for helping out so willingly!

If it's not already there, put the Visalia International DX Convention on your calendar for April 15-17 this year. You can get full details at: <http://www.ncdxc.org/Ncdxc/Convention/>.

See you on Wednesday, January 26 at the Sizzler - usual time and place.  
Cheers/73 - Jim, K6ZH

### San Diego DX Club Policy on content of DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of Dxing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 2004

|                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Balance as of Oct. 31, 2004: | \$3,675.77   |
| Income:                      |              |
| Regular Dues:                | 90.00        |
| Gift:                        | 5.00         |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                | <b>95.00</b> |



|                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Expenses:                    |               |
| Christmas Party:             | 775.31        |
| <b>TOTAL;</b>                | <b>775.31</b> |
| Balance as of Dec. 31, 2004: | \$2,995.46    |
| Petty Cash:                  | 20.00         |
| Total Checking/Petty Cash:   | \$3,015.46    |

## CLUB MEETING MINUTES

As there were no regular meetings in November and December there are no minutes; however, the Holiday Party held at Arnie Lewin's home was well attended and a good time was had by all. Carol and Arnie did an outstanding job as hosts, the food and drink were plentiful. The gift exchange game was lots of fun as usual and Bud, N7CW was at his best attempting to palm something off as dating from the Ming Dynasty. See our President's comments elsewhere.

## DUES ARE DUE

Now that we have your attention, you are reminded that on October 1<sup>st</sup> each year we start collecting dues for the next. Please write out a check in favor of SDDXC in the amount of \$10.00 and drop it in the mail to Treasurer, SDDXC, 2435 Our Country Road, Escondido, CA 92029-5715. While you are at it, there is no objection if you desire to pony up for multiple years.

# T33C

Banaba Island

April 2004



IOTA OC-018

# GREAT NEWS FOR HAM RADIO.....

Maybe.....

## FCC Chairman Resigns

FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell announced January 21 that he'll step down, effective "sometime in March." Nominated by former President Bill Clinton, Powell joined the FCC in 1997 and became its chairman two days after President George Bush was sworn in for his first term in 2001. ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, called Powell's performance "a deep disappointment" after some initial optimism--especially given his unabashed cheerleading on behalf of the FCC's broadband over power line (BPL) initiative.

"It's no secret that we thought Chairman Powell was going entirely in the wrong direction on BPL and dragging the other commissioners and FCC staff along--willing or not--because he was, after all, the chairman," Sumner said. "A new chairman might be a chance for a fresh start."

When the FCC adopted new Part 15 rules for BPL last October, Powell called it "a banner day." While conceding that BPL will affect some spectrum users, including "all those wonderful Amateur Radio operators out there," Powell implied that the FCC must balance the benefits of BPL against the relative value of other licensed services. He listed the FCC's adoption of BPL rules among the "policy highlights" of his tenure.

Possibilities to replace Powell include the other Republican members of the five-member FCC--Kathleen Q. Abernathy, a staunch BPL supporter, and Kevin J. Martin. Speculation also has been raised about various outside candidates. "We look forward to the opportunity to work with the new chairman, whoever that may be," Sumner said.

In his announcement, Powell said it was "with a mixture of pride and regret" that he informed the president of his decision to step down. "Having completed a bold and aggressive agenda, it is time for me to pursue other opportunities and let someone else take the reins of the agency," he said. "During my tenure, we worked to get the law right in order to stimulate innovative technology that puts morepower in the hands of the American people, giving them greater choices that enrich their lives."

The chairman said the seeds of the Commission's policies under his leadership "are taking firm root in the marketplace and are starting to blossom." He cited the increased use of cell phones, digital TV and other digital technology "increasingly connected anytime, anywhere by a wide variety of broadband networks." Proclaimed Powell, "Our children will inherit this exciting future."

As FCC chairman, Powell also was in the forefront of enforcing the Commission's rules on indecency, largely through imposing huge fines on violators. He also supported changes in media ownership rules that permitted even greater concentration of broadcast station ownership.

(taken from an ARRL bulletin 01-21-2005)

# ARRL DX NEWS

January 20, 2005

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by the OPDX Bulletin, The Daily DX, 425DXnews, DXNL, WA7BNM and Contest Corral from QST. Thanks to all.

**MAURITIUS, 3B8.** Tibi, HA7TM will be QRV as 3B8/HA7TM from January 25 to February 3. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters, including the newer bands. QSL via bureau.

**TUNISIA, 3V.** All active hams here are allowed to use the special callsign TS1WHC during the upcoming World Handball Championship being held between January 23 to February 2. Activity will be on all HF bands, using some CW and SSTV, and SSB. QSL via bureau.

**NIGERIA, 5N.** Paolo is QRV as 5N8NDP and has been active on 80 meters using SSB between 2030 and 2200z. QSL via IK5JAN.

**MAURITANIA, 5T.** Nicolas, 5T5SN has been QRV on 30 meters around 1830z and 160 meters around 0220z. QSL via IZ1BZV.

**GERMANY, DA.** Ric, DL2VFR and Frank, DL2SWW are QRV from Poel Island, IOTA EU-098, until January 23. This island will be removed from the IOTA List effective February 1. Since the island is continually merging with the mainland, it no longer meets the 200-meter rule. Activity is on all HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

**FRANCE, F.** Special event stations TM6OLW and TM6OLS will be QRV from January 23 to February 6 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Wittenheim and Sausheim. QSL TM6OLW via F5TFI and TM6OLS via F5OCL.

**JERSEY, GJ.** Bert, PA3GIO will be QRV as MJ/PA3GIO/p from January 22 to 27. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using SSB. QSL direct.

**JAPAN, JA.** JR2RKK/6 plans to be QRV from the Miyako Islands, IOTA AS-079, in the Okinawa Prefecture from January 26 to 30. QSL to home call.

**US VIRGIN ISLANDS, KP2.** John, G4RCG and Bruce, KI7VR are QRV as KP2/G4RCG and KP2/KI7VR, respectively, from St. Croix, IOTA NA-106, until February 6. John, G4RCG plans to be an entry in the upcoming CQ 160-Meter CW contest as KP2ZZ. QSL both calls via G4OOC. QSL contest call via operator's instructions.

**ARGENTINA, LU.** LU9DA, LU5EW and LU1DWW will be QRV as LU2DT from Punta Mogotes Lighthouse from January 22 to 23. Activity will be on 20, 15 and 10 meters using SSB. QSL via operators' instructions.

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA, P2.** Jerry, P29ZAD is QRV from Tabar Island, IOTA OC-099, until January 27. He is active in his spare time near 14260 kHz around 2100 and 0800z. QSL direct.

**SUDAN, ST.** Dane, S57CQ is QRV as ST2T for the next three months. QSL via S57DX. Meanwhile, Paul, ST2PN is QRV from Khartoum. He has been active on 20, 17, 15 and 10 meters using SSB and some PSK31. He may also try RTTY soon. QSL via PA7FM.

**WESTERN KIRIBATI, T30.** Udo, DL9HCU is QRV as T30HC using QRP power. He is active on 20 meters CW just after 0600z. QSL to home call.

**ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, V2.** Paolo, IK2QPR is QRV as V25PR. He has been active on 20 meters using SSB. QSL to home call.

**BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, VP2V.** Curt, W3HQ will be QRV as VP2V/W3HQ, from January 26 to February 5. This includes an entry in the upcoming CQ 160-Meter CW contest. He is using CW on 160, 80, 40, 30, 20 and 15 meters, but is concentrating activity on 160 and 80 meters. QSL direct via VK4AAR.

**OPERATION APPROVED FOR DXCC.** The following operation is approved for DXCC credit: Market Reef, OJ0/OH0I, from May 24 to 27, 2004.

**THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO.** The ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes and the BARTG RTTY Sprint are all scheduled for this weekend. Please see January QST, page 102 and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details.



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## Pre-Registration Form

### International DX Convention (Visalia) April 15-17,2005

Banquet Meal Choice(s): C = Chicken, P = Prime Rib, S = Salmon, V = Vegetarian  
(Circle Below)

|            |            | Meal    | Convention<br>Polo Shirts |   |    |     |
|------------|------------|---------|---------------------------|---|----|-----|
| Name       | Call       | C P S V | M                         | L | XL | XXL |
| Name _____ | Call _____ | C P S V | M                         | L | XL | XXL |
| Name _____ | Call _____ | C P S V | M                         | L | XL | XXL |
| Name _____ | Call _____ | C P S V | M                         | L | XL | XXL |

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country, USA or (?) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Registration, Post Marked by 3-15-05, \$65.00 per person. ----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Convention Polo Shirts \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 30.00 ----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

After 3-15-05 or at the Convention = \$70.00 per person. ----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Amateur: Dinner & Breakfast only, \$35.00 per person. ----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your Check # \_\_\_\_\_ ----- Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please, make check payable to:

NCDXC Convention 05  
( Please, do not send cash! )

Mail this form with payment to:

IDXC 2005, % Dick Letrich, W6KM  
3686 Kirk Road  
San Jose, CA 95124-3816

Convention Location:

Holiday Inn Plaza Park,  
9000 W. Airport Drive, Visalia, CA  
Tel. 559-651-5000

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## Local VHF Frequencies For Dxers

| Frequency | Call | Mode    | Other Info                           |
|-----------|------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| 144.415   | QRZ? | Simplex | Voice announcing and chat frequency. |
| 144.950   | KM6K | Packet  | San Diego Central                    |
| 145.690   | K6KT | Packet  | North County inland                  |

The packet cluster nodes are privately operated.  
The Sysops have kindly invited the SDDXC members to use their equipment.



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